

Science Festival to Promote STI in Abu Dhabi



14/11/2011 - Under the patronage of HH General Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces and Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council, Abu Dhabi Technology Development Committee (TDC) will organise the inaugural edition of the Abu Dhabi Science Festival from November 18 to 26 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) and Abu Dhabi Corniche.

Over 17,000 students aged between 5 to 15 years from more than 175 schools from Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and the Western Region are expected to participate in the nine-day event aimed at sparking the curiosity of the Emirate's youth in science, technology and innovation (STI).

The festival will feature more than 150 of the world's most exciting science learning experiences in different fields of STI including robotics, aeronautics, physics, biology, chemistry and archaeology. Interactive exhibitions, fun workshops and spectacular shows will help participants explore science learning experiences such as digging up dinosaurs, unwrapping Egyptian mummies, knowing the influence of inventions made by Muslim scientists on today's technologies, launching rockets and making hydrogen-fuelled cars.

Over 500 students from Abu Dhabi universities including UAE University, Abu Dhabi University, Khalifa University for Science and Technology, Higher Colleges of Technology and Emirates College for Advanced Education will volunteer in the festival as the "Science Communicators" to help the young people understand wonders and fun of science and technology and respond to the queries.

TDC has also partnered with Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC) as the education partner, Municipality of Abu Dhabi City (ADM) as the community partner and Edinburgh International Science Festival and 1001 Inventions as the programming partners.

The festival is one of many strategic initiatives of TDC to promote STI in Abu Dhabi and support the emirate's long-term human capital development.

Apart from registered participants, the festival opens its doors to children and their parents as well as the general public from 04:00 PM to 09:00 PM on weekdays and from 02:00 PM to 09:00 PM on weekends at the main venue in ADNEC and from 05:00 PM to 10:00 PM on weekdays and from 02:00 PM to 10:00 PM on weekends at Abu Dhabi Corniche - West Plaza. Entrance to the festival will be free of charge.

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